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Plan, Trust, Execute

1. Water "Sector"

You are probably going to be seeing the word "Sector" associated with the word Water more now. The term Water Sector is a planning concept contained in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) which is being finalized by the Department of Homeland Security. It includes public drinking water and wastewater systems. Sector specific plans (SSPs) are a part of the NIPP and are going to be developed for the 17 sectors and water/wastewater is one of the sectors.

2. MDEQ Water Security Initiatives

- a. – de-chlorination of water/wastewater facilities
- b. - MDEQ Water Bureau staff security training
- c. – Bioterrorism Act Vulnerability Assessment (VA) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) followup
- d.- TTXs and TTTs: tabletop exercises and train the trainer for tabletop exercises

More information to follow as these initiatives are funded, developed, and approved.

3. Incident Command System / NIMS 700

- utilities should participate in Incident Command System training to be better prepared and to comply with DHS funding requirements.
- ICS/NIMS information is available at the following web address:
<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm>

4. Pop Quiz: What are the 6 modes of terrorism?

Hint: CBRNE and cyber: chemical, biological, radioactive, nuclear, explosive and cyber terrorism

5. New to MDEQ Water Bureau Water and Wastewater Security Website

-address: http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313_23413---,00.html

-a couple of bird flu downloads:

a. [Avian Influenza A/H5N1 in Bathing and Potable \(Drinking\) Water and Risks to Human Health](#) (ECDC June 2006)

b. **Review of latest available evidence on risks to human health through potential transmission of avian influenza (H5N1) through water and sewage** (WHO)

6. 2007 Water Security Summit

I know. It's way too early to mark calendars for many months in advance. But, the Water Security Committee is working with Eric Way and Matt Tomlinson of the Operator Training Unit to find a good time for the Water Security Committee Water Security Summit annual conference. We had good turnout at the 2006 Water Security Summit which was held on the first Monday after Memorial Day, June 5, 2006.

So, tentatively it's going to be the first Monday after Memorial Day and next year that is June 4, 2007.

7. TANS: MDEQ Water Bureau Threat Advisory Notification System

We need emails for public water and wastewater systems. Not just for the superintendent, but for as many of your staff as appropriate. You can check what has been in prior TANS notices by going to our web site's TANS notice index at http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313_23413-111610--,00.html

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